

Subject: Public Comment Submission for Monday, Dec. 28th - LA County Redistricting Commission Meeting

Dear Commissioners,

After reviewing the excel candidate assessments, it appears that the 52 remaining candidates were not fairly reviewed by an equitable number of evaluators, which raises disproportionate rankings. There are candidates who were evaluated only by 2 commissioners vs. others who had 4+. The number of evaluator and ratings can have a statistical difference, which raises concerns of not applying the same evaluation standards during the selection. The same criteria needs to be used across all 52 candidates, and at least, a quorum of commissioners review each candidate and rate them accordingly to ensure an equitable, fair, and consistent process is applied.

The latest rankings from Saturday's meeting is also very heavy with attorneys, 60+ years of age, and Mexican/Mexican-American (not necessarily representing the diversity of Latinos in LA County). Also, there are several overlapping or close to proximity candidates being considered, less representation east of LA County (Pomona, West Covina, Diamond Bar). Finally, who is assessing conflicts of interest as some have worked in state, city or county roles?

Diversity, equity, and inclusion should be a core value for impartial selection.

Representation matters!

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